

## **RECOVERY FUNDS AT WORK IN OHIO'S SIXTH DISTRICT**

### **Wilson Announces \$9.4 million in Recovery Funds for Rural Water Projects in Jefferson County**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will grant \$4,429,000 and loan an additional \$5,000,000 in funding to a centralized wastewater collection system in Jefferson County. This is one of 39 rural water projects announced today by the White House as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This project will provide a centralized wastewater collection system to 350 users in and around the Crestview and Belvedere subdivisions. These subdivisions are located in unincorporated areas of Cross Creek and Wayne Townships, and are currently serviced by failing onsite septic systems. The Ohio EPA placed these areas under findings and orders in 1995 due to the public safety and water quality hazards. The new collection system will be tied into an existing county wastewater treatment facility. The new collection system will alleviate the public health and water quality problems associated with the failed individual systems.

“This is great news for these Jefferson County residents,” said Wilson. “This project will not only create jobs, it will fix a flawed wastewater collection system and provide residents with cleaner, healthier water. This is one more important step towards economic recovery and infrastructure improvement in the 6th district.”

USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and wastewater infrastructure to deliver safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas. More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at [www.rurdev.usda](http://www.rurdev.usda)